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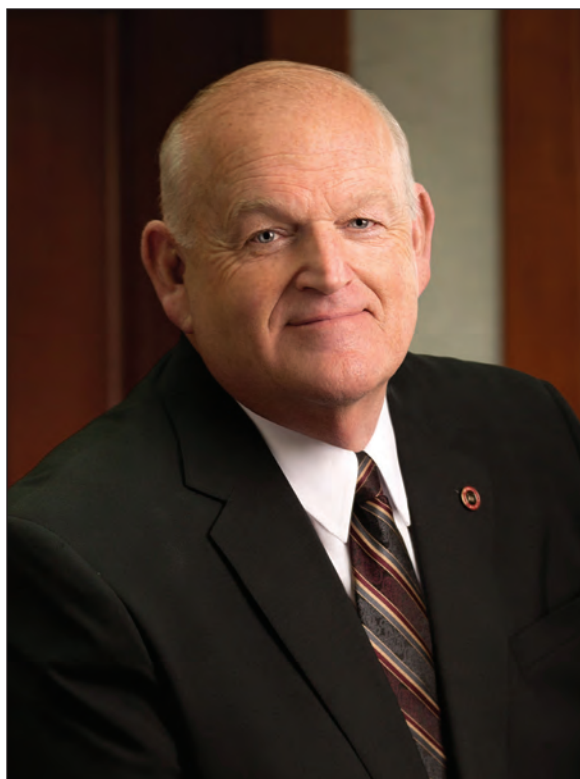
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"LET THERE BE LIGHTS" 12

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Dear Friends:

There has never been a more exciting time to be a Wildcat! When I walk around the Ellensburg campus, I see a host of new projects that are the result of the efforts of so many of our alumni, staff, faculty, students, friends, and supporters.

Some, like the recently-completed Samuelson Hall, a state-of-the-art facility for the departments of Mathematics, Computer Science, Integrated Technology and Administrative Management, Multimodal Learning, and Sociology, illustrate the university's commitment to academic excellence.

Others, such as the North Campus Expansion projects, including improvements to Tomlinson Stadium, the Campus Recreation Expansion, and construction of Dugmore Hall, represent keeping a promise to our students to provide the best facilities for recreation, housing, and athletic endeavors.

Each of these projects became a reality because of an identified need and the sustained support of the Wildcat community. That's particularly true with the Tomlinson Stadium improvements, for which University Advancement is spearheading a fundraising drive to generate the revenue necessary to complete the project. The new all-weather turf field and stadium lights will help transform the stadium into a showcase for our Wildcat teams.

I don't think it is a coincidence that in recent years Central has not only experienced a bit of a construction boom but also seen unprecedented enrollment growth and been recognized as one of the best universities in the west in countless rankings and surveys. Our success is because of the amazing support of the Wildcat family—all of you—who have donated, spread the word, shared your memorable experiences, and talked up our university.

In keeping with the theme of new and improved, I would also like to tease something that we're going to unveil in the spring. Arriving in your mailbox in April 2019 will be a new university magazine we have named *Crimson & Black*. Replacing *CWU Connections*, the new publication, which will appear twice a year, includes a host of new features and will be complemented by a new interactive website (CWUCrimsonandBlack.com).

Go Wildcats!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James L. Gaudino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James L. Gaudino
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Grammy-winner and new alumnus Michael, “the Wanz,” Wansley performed the national anthem for the Ellensburg and Kent commencement ceremonies. Wanz received his bachelor of arts in music. He posted on Facebook: “Never give up, finish what you start, and you’ll never have regret weighing down your heart.”

2018 Commencement

By Robert Lowery

More than 3,800 students changed their status to alumni during Central’s 2018 graduation ceremonies held June 8 through June 10.

For the first time, a separate commencement was held for those who received master’s or educational specialist degrees from 31 graduate programs, on Friday evening, June 8.

Provost Katherine Frank noted that those graduates joined just 9 percent of Americans with master’s or education specialist degrees.

“A more educated society can only be a more respectful, more civil society. Please do your part toward this end,” Frank said.

Civility was also addressed by Washington Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib, during his two commencement addresses Saturday at Tomlinson Stadium.

“We need men and women with education to chart the way to a better America, where we stop viewing our party, racial, or sexual identity as a source of division,” he said. “You’re in a very elite group, those with college degrees, and we need you more than ever to imagine a more perfect union for our country.”

On Sunday, at the ShoWare Center in Kent, graduates from the Puget Sound area CWU University Centers received their degrees.

1979 CWU-Lynnwood alumnus, J. Christopher Lytle, executive director of the Port of Oakland, California, addressed the graduates, broaching the matter of civility on a global level.

“Don’t succumb to misguided nationalism—don’t disengage from the world,” he admonished. “Extreme protectionism—this us versus them—is damaging, frustrating, and it’s futile. You helped create this world of interconnectedness, you sustain it, and you will protect it. So, no pressure—just go out and save the world.”



Dr. Fred, CWU's Animal Whisperer, Honored as "Force of Nature"

By Valerie Chapman-Stockwell

If Kittitas County has a Dr. Doolittle, it would have to be Dr. Fred Newschwander. The longtime veterinarian has had a healing hand in most areas of animal health and welfare in the valley. If it has fur, fins, feathers, or skin, Dr. Fred has probably treated it.

For more than three decades, he was the consulting vet for CWU's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). That work resulted in Dr. Fred receiving the "Force of Nature" award at the CWU College of the Sciences annual banquet in May.

"Fred has made such a big contribution to Central," said Jason Irwin, professor of biological sciences. "He's been our consulting vet since 1983, I believe. And he's always here, he's always willing to help—he is like a force of nature."

CWU, Chimpanzees, and Other Fauna

Beginning in the 1980s, CWU housed group of chimpanzees as part of a human-chimpanzee communication project. Among other things, the primates needed veterinary care. Enter a fearless Dr. Fred.

"I met Dr. Roger Fouts, his family, and the chimps when they first arrived," Newschwander recalled. "Washoe, the matriarch of the colony, had a thing for shoes—she was really taken with my cowboy boots!"

So how does a domestic animal veterinarian become a doctor to primates?

"I read a LOT of books," Fred said with a laugh. "I also talked to the veterinarians at the Woodland Park Zoo, and consulted with Dr. Jim Mahoney, veterinarian at the Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates near New York City. I even met Jane Goodall once.

"I lived through the golden age of veterinary practice," he continued. "At that time, there wasn't so much specialization—you really had to know it all, and were expected to keep learning what you didn't know. You also had to have the confidence to approach people and ask for expert opinions."

Although Dr. Fred is no longer the consulting vet for IACUC, he still volunteers with the committee.

"His roots are so deep in Central, he just knows how to get done whatever needs be done," Irwin said. "And he's not afraid to speak up if he has a concern. And he's just really good."

Newschwander recently published *A Day in the Life of a Country Vet*, which recounts his long, amazing career in service to animals. It can be found at Jerrol's, Amazon, the NKC Tribune office, and at the Mt. Stuart clinic.



Dr. Fred Newschwander and Piper

Fred (second row from top, circled second person from left) in the College Elementary School at Hebel Hall.



A VERY YOUNG "ALUMNUS"

While Dr. Fred didn't graduate from CWU, he did spend his early education years under the tutelage of a young Amanda Hebel at what was then known as the College Elementary School—now Hebel Hall. His father, Dr. W.W. Newschwander, was a member of the science faculty.

Fred graduated as valedictorian from Ellensburg High School in 1961, and earned a degree in mathematics at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, and a degree in chemistry from the University of Washington. He received his Doctor in Veterinary Medicine degree from the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

He first opened Mt. Stuart Veterinary Hospital in Ellensburg in 1981; his step-daughter, Valerie Hedrick (Dr. Val) now operates the clinic. He has volunteered as a consulting veterinarian to many agencies including the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Ellensburg Police Department.



Jerrold's Book & Supply is a B2C Star. Owner Rolf Williams works with employee and CWU graduate Beau Kelderhouse in the store's university apparel section.

B2C Stars Rewards Outstanding Customer Service

By Dawn Alford

Rewarding good customer service is the goal of Business-to-Community Stars or B2C Stars, established last year by the Ellensburg Downtown Association, the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, the City of Ellensburg, and Central Washington University.

"B2C Stars' goal is to provide a positive experience to all who visit Kittitas county," said Jerry Lael, CWU alumnus and member of the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Based on best practices essential for good customer service, the B2C Stars program emphasizes respect, honesty, trust, and integrity.

"The free B2C program is a great opportunity to assist small businesses with training they may not have the resources or time to organize," said Carolyn Honeycutt, EDA former executive director.

According to a City of Ellensburg study, one in every two local customers is a CWU student. Undeniably, their economic impact to area businesses is significant. The goal of the program is to ensure local businesses are aware of this demographic to better serve and retain these customers.

"We want our students to feel welcome," said Linda Schactler, CWU's chief of staff. "We want them to have a terrific life experience while they're here, and that includes going downtown."

"The B2C program bridges the gap between diverse consumers like myself and local businesses," said recent CWU graduate Miraclejoy Curtis. "Because of the program, I look for the golden star outside of the shopping stores that shows they're respectful, inclusive, and ready to serve the customer."



FLASH MOB CELEBRATES ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

What do you get when you put together 126 college students from across disciplines, six musical clips, carefully orchestrated choreography, and an exuberant student body eager to celebrate their university's diversity?

Answer: A surprise flash mob!

Last February during lunchtime, a massive flash mob broke out in the SURC. On-lookers witnessed a celebration of dance, cheer, and song as a group of students sang and clapped along to smash hits from Disney's "High School Musical." Entirely conceived and executed by students, the performance commemorated Central earning the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity*.



Sammamish Mayor Bob Keller and Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib join CWU President James L. Gaudino to officially cut the ribbon signifying the official opening of the new CWU-Sammamish facility.

University Centers and Instructional Sites News

By Richard Moreno

Gayla Stoner, CWU's associate provost for extended learning and outreach, announced the formation of advisory boards at CWU-Des Moines, CWU-Lynwood, CWU-Pierce County and JBLM, CWU-Sammamish, CWU-Wenatchee, and CWU-Moses Lake. CWU-Yakima is in the process of building a board. The new advisory boards will provide continuous feedback to CWU leadership and help identify and enhance program offerings at each facility.

Students from Sayantani Mukherjee's Advanced Digital Marketing (MKT 476) class wrapped up their spring quarter projects, which consisted of digital marketing plans developed for local businesses. The course is taught to students located at CWU in Ellensburg, CWU-Lynnwood, and CWU-Des Moines, with student teams at each site collaborating with a local business. The teams were provided access to digital analytics platforms (such as Google Analytics) by their clients. Teams deep dived into the analytics to identify patterns and trends in the data based on which they developed digital marketing strategy insights. Small businesses that collaborated ranged from law firms (e.g., Northwest Strategy and Planning) and professional leadership coaches (e.g., Laura Close Consulting) to customized home manage-

ment solutions (e.g., HeyThrivy). Some of these small businesses have subsequently expressed interest in recruiting students from MKT 476 for paid internships.

CWU-Sammamish has several new community partners that have hosted programs at the facility, including: Audubon Photography Exhibit; Chinese Business Executive Program, during which 22 students from China attended a three-day program; Chinese New Year, which attracted more than 2,000 attendees; and the Sammamish Community YMCA for community programs.

Central Washington University has received more than a half-million dollars in state funding to allow for continued partnership with Edmonds and Pierce community colleges to provide four-year degrees in information technology and administrative management and interdisciplinary studies. CWU received \$214,006 for its partnership with Edmonds Community College for the bachelor of applied science degree in information technology and administrative management and \$322,144 for its joint efforts with Pierce College for a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies, social studies/social services.

Changing of the Guard at CWU Army ROTC Detachment

By Robert Lowery

Following two years of service at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Allied Command Operations Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe headquarters in Mons, Belgium, Senior Major Bonnie Kovatch, is the new CWU detachment commander.

She is the first female Army ROTC detachment commander in the program's award-winning 37-year history.

"There has been a healthy push across the Army to consider diversity, and shore up gaps, in terms of placement," Kovatch said. "So, this may be a telling of times, a bit. But the goal is still to prepare second lieutenants who are ready to lead platoons into battle—that's the focus."

She is just one of three female officers now heading ROTC detachments among the 40 schools that comprise the US Army Cadet Command's 8th Brigade, which includes schools in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, Nevada, Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam.

Kovatch, a native of Schenectady, New York, said she first became interested in the military after participating in a junior ROTC program during a year in high school in Westminster, Colorado.

"I loved it!" she recalled. "I loved the program. I loved the volunteering. I loved the discipline. I loved the people. I actually enlisted in the National Guard and did basic training while I was still in high school. Then, during my senior year, I applied for ROTC scholarships."

She received one, and that led to her graduation and commissioning as a second lieutenant through the ROTC program at Siena College (New York) in 2003.

"That scholarship actually took precedent over my National Guard enlistment," she noted. "So, in some way, shape, or form, have been involved with an ROTC program and in the military since I was 15 years old—22 years, at this point."

Kovatch arrives at CWU after working in counter-intelligence in NATO. "I worked with 29 nations to get contributions to serve in ACCI [Allied Command Counterintelligence] in order to keep spies from spying on NATO," she said.

Kovatch has also served as a personnel officer in Afghanistan and Iraq, and as a professor of International Relations at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

"I really enjoyed my stint at the academy," she offered as among her reasons for pursuing the career change. "I'm hoping what I took away from the academy, primarily on cadet development but also on faculty development, will benefit the department here at CWU."



Senior Major Bonnie Kovatch

Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Ackiss, her CWU predecessor, added, "Her background in academia gave her a leg up on me, from when I arrived at Central. She took over a well-established team [at CWU], and I think she will do great."

Kovatch says her NATO experiences should also prove valuable in preparing of the next generation of Army leaders.

"It really helped me understand what I saw happening there; the operating environment and politics in Europe," Kovatch continued. "I hope I can bring to our cadets a sense of that bigger picture and the political dimension that we refer to as 'diplomat-soldiers.'"

Kovatch arrived at CWU with her husband, Ryan, and their two children, Lincoln and Charlotte.

"My husband's family is from Valier, Montana, about nine hours east of Ellensburg," she noted. "This is as close as we have ever been to them, so the family dynamic is really great, which was a huge consideration in accepting the position."

Awards, Honors, Promotions, Hires



Ronald Erickson



Robert Nellams



Emily Washines



Jeffrey Snedeker



Leslie Schneider



Kathryn Temple

New Chairman of Board of Trustees

The Central Washington University Board of Trustees unanimously elected alumni Ronald Erickson as chairman of the board and Robert Nellams as vice chairman. Erickson, who was appointed to the board by former Governor Christine Gregoire in 2010, had previously served as vice chair. Nellams was appointed to the board by Governor Jay Inslee in 2016, and previously chaired the CWU Foundation Board of Directors.

New Trustee

Governor Jay Inslee appointed Emily Washines '06, a CWU alumna and distinguished member of the Yakama Nation, to serve on the university's Board of Trustees. Washines previously worked as a public relations specialist for Yakama Nation Fisheries and served at CWU as an admissions counselor.

Professors Inducted into Washington Music Educators Hall of Fame

Professors Jeffrey Snedeker and Leslie Schneider were inducted into the Washington Music Educators Hall of Fame. Horn professor Snedeker has taught in the music department since 1991 and is a Distinguished Professor honoree. Music education adjunct professor and alumna Schneider also teaches music full-time at Valley View Elementary. She has worked in the Ellensburg School District for 22 years, and at CWU for five years.

Math Professor Earns Prestigious Actuarial Science Distinction

Kathryn Temple, mathematics and actuarial science professor, became an Associate of the Society of Actuaries. She completed a decade of passing a rigorous series of professional examinations to achieve this honor.



Best Value University

CWU joins the University of Washington and Bellevue College as the top public universities in the state of Washington for return on investment (ROI) in a survey by Payscale.com. Nationally, CWU is in the top 10 percent of colleges and universities for estimated ROI.

HEED Award

For the fourth time in five years, CWU is a recipient of the prestigious Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine. Central was one of only three schools in the state of Washington to earn the distinction this year. Students celebrated in true Wildcat fashion (see "Flash Mob" on page 4).



Kyle Hanis

Student Ambassador Named State Student Employee of the Year

Communication major Kyle Hanis received not only CWU's Student Employee of the Year Award, but the Washington State Student Employee of the Year honor as well. Hanis is the lead student ambassador for the Office of Visitation, where he oversees tour operations.



PULSE magazine

Observer and PULSE Win National Awards

The *Observer* newspaper and *PULSE* magazine were selected as winners and finalists in multiple categories in the Society of Professional Journalists Region 10 Mark of Excellence Awards. *PULSE* won first place in the Best Affiliated Website category for its multimedia content while *Observer's* Jack Lambert '18 and McKenzie Lakey '17 were awarded first place in the Feature Photography (Large Schools) category. Lambert was also awarded first place in the Breaking News Photography (Large Schools) category for a photo of the fall 2017 Peace March.



Madison Sturgeon

CWU Equestrian Team Wins Championship

The CWU Equestrian Team won the English Regional Championship High Point at the 2018 Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association competition in March. The team is advised by Ann Anderson, a former Washington state senator and past CWU Distinguished Alumni Award winner.



Ruth Harrington

Harrington Honored with Legacy Award

Ruth Harrington and her friends have raised more than \$1 million for scholarships for CWU students. Since 1973, she has organized dozens of brunch, lunch, and dinner groups to raise money for student scholarships that benefit high school seniors and single parents.



Vanessa Hunt measures a black turtle

Professor Receives International Fellowship to Study Turtle Conservation Efforts

Vanessa Hunt was selected by Ecology Project International for an eight-day teaching fellowship program in Baja Mexico to study changing conservation behaviors in local residents. Hunt teaches science education at CWU-Des Moines, located on the Highline College campus.

CWU Shares \$562,000 Grant to Help Alaska Prepare for Geological Hazards

CWU will co-lead a three-year, \$562,000 grant from the National Science Foundation EarthScope Program to train educators and help run middle school STEM academies in Alaska. The EarthScope ANGLE (Alaska Native Geoscience Learning Experience) is directly building on two previous EarthScope-funded programs that CWU has helped run.



EarthScope ANGLE map



Gabriel Dominguez

Kept Promises

Update: "A Road Less Traveled."

By Dawn Alford

When Gabriel Dominguez left two special-needs orphans, Juan and Carlos, in a Mexican orphanage back in March 2017, he vowed to return. The bond he forged with the then nine- and ten-year-old brothers became a lasting friendship.

That June, Dominguez graduated from CWU's Clinical Physiology program and married his wife the following month. The couple applied to graduate schools, hoping for admission to Loma Linda University in California, where they would be closer to Juan and Carlos.

"We could then visit the orphanage more frequently," said Dominguez.

Last December, they traveled to the orphanage for a short visit.

"I think it was good for us both, to bring together the two things that are very important to me," said Dominguez. "The boys were super fired up when they saw me—almost as fired up as I was."

Sadly, in the nine months since Dominguez last served as their student "physical therapist," the boys' walking abilities had regressed. Regardless, Carlos and Juan were eager to begin therapy again.

Dominguez's experience working at the orphanage inspired him to continue his studies with a focus in pediatrics. He and his wife started their programs last June and are currently attending their top choice, Loma Linda University. She will attend medical school while he pursues a doctorate of physical therapy.

"We fully plan on making numerous trips back to see the boys and the orphanage," Dominguez said.

Strike Up the Band!

CWU Music Celebrates 125 Noteworthy Years

By Valerie Chapman-Stockwell

Since the school's very beginning, CWU halls were alive with the sound of music. From assemblies to marching bands to full-dress operas, music has always played a vital part of university life.

In the early years of the past century, musical groups were massively popular, especially at CWU. There were the Treble Clef (women's choir), the Men's Glee Club, the music honorary society Hi Hu Hee Hee (it means "we like to sing" in a Native American language) singing group, and numerous other choirs and ensembles. And who can forget the Ukulele Girls from the Dorms?

"At one point, almost 50 percent of the student body was involved in a music group of some kind," said Norm Wallen, Unofficial and Self-Appointed Keeper of CWU Music Legend, Lore, and Mythology. Wallen, a 1976 alumnus, has bachelor degrees in music education and performance, and

a master's in music theory and composition. He is a lecturer of jazz studies at CWU and is perhaps the most prolific and diverse composer/arranger in the Northwest.

According to Wallen, music introduced diversity early to CWU as well. In 1917, Miss Floy Rossman went to the Yakama nation and later transcribed their songs, creating a popular program of Native American song. In the late 1920s, the Music Club sought out musicians of different ethnicities to teach songs of their heritage, including a black spiritual choir.

The legendary music chair Wayne Hertz wielded tremendous influence over the direction and future of the department. In the late 1940s, when jazz wasn't allowed on campus, Hertz encouraged the formation of the Sweecians Swing Band. From this, CWU's impressive jazz studies program began, one of the first in the nation.



1906
Symphony
Orchestra

"Music has always been an integral part of campus activities."

—Norm Wallen



1891

A "Miss Houghton" tickles the ivories as CWU's first music teacher, instructing four classrooms of vocal music.

1906

CWU establishes Washington State's third symphony orchestra, following closely after the University of Washington and Seattle Symphony.

1939

Cloice Meyers establishes one of the first modern marching bands in the United States. Meyers's band performs in official uniforms while marching in choreographed patterns.

1947

Director of Bands Bert Christianson forms CWU's Sweecians Swing Band, the first jazz band in the nation taught as part of regular music instruction by a music professor.



1947
*Sweecians
Swing Band*

Hertz was also prominent in national associations, and with educators from Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and Oberlin, developed the National Music Education Test, still in use. His connections won CWU student groups berths at national conventions. Hertz, who ran the music department for 36 years (1938-1974), left a legacy of music education and innovation that continues to this day.

"I think what makes our department so exceptional," Wallen said, "is the consistency and continuity of instruction. We've had only four band directors in 80 years and only four jazz leaders since the program started. We had a piano teacher, Miss Juanita Davies (of Davies Hall), who taught from 1927 to 1965.

"Our professors are here for decades and are devoted to their students. And those students return here to teach."



1964 Hertz Hall

Built in 1964, Hertz Hall was home to the music department for 40 years. The 55-year-old building currently houses student support functions and is scheduled to be demolished sometime in winter quarter 2019.

2018 CWU Music performing at Benaroya Hall in Seattle.



1954

The Central Singers perform at National MENC in Chicago, one of only two groups in the nation. This is the first national-level appearance by a Central performing group at a convention.

1964

Hertz Hall is dedicated. The peripatetic music department now has its own modern building to call home for the next 40 years.

2004

McIntyre Music Hall, with world-class concert facilities, opens.

2015

CWU's Jazz 1 plays at the Monterey Jazz Festival. The Chamber Choir performs in the 47th Annual Tolosa International Choir Competition in Spain.

2018

With more than 400 majors, CWU's music program is one of the largest in region. The 2017-18 marching band is one of the largest in the Northwest. CWU's student NAfME chapter is the largest in the nation.

Let There Be Lights

By Richard Moreno

CWU Groundbreaking—
President James L. Gaudino (center)
encourages representatives from
four new campus projects during
the groundbreaking for Central's
new North Campus Expansion.
(From left to right: Joseph Pearson,
Director of Auxiliary Services;
Jenna Hyatt, Associate Dean of
Student Living; President Gaudino;
Dennis Francois, CWU Director of
Athletics; and Korin Heyn, Operations
Manager for CWU Recreation)





Architectural rendering of the updated Tomlinson Stadium, which will be ready for football games this fall.

Under the Lights

Until this year, the idea of night-time outdoor sporting events at Central Washington University was little more than a pipe dream. But that all changed recently with completion of the first phase of the Wildcat Commons project, one of three phases in CWU's ambitious program to expand and upgrade its athletic and recreation facilities.

"This is one of the most exciting additions we've been able to make to our athletic programs in many, many years," said Dennis Francois, athletic director. "Probably the most frequent request we've had over the years, as far as program improvements, was to install lights on the football field and on the campus recreation facilities. I'm proud to say we've been able to do both and will now be able to enjoy games, meets, and matches in the evening."

Tomlinson Upgrades

The first phase of the Wildcat Commons project focuses on Tomlinson Stadium as one of the main priorities and includes installation of an artificial turf field that is regulation-size for football, rugby, and soccer; construction of the Wildcat Plaza (south end zone) and Alumni Plaza (north end zone); new entry gates; renovated restrooms; and a new stadium ticketing box office.

"This is a game-changing initiative that will have a positive impact on the lives of our students, alumni, and community members," Francois said.

The renovations completed this fall, were the first to Tomlinson since it was constructed in 1959. The majority of the \$5.9 million project was funded by private donations and the CWU Foundation. The university launched an aggressive fundraising effort that has already generated more than half of the total revenue.

"We are pleased with the response the Wildcat Commons capital campaign has received and we're confident that our Wildcat community will support this project, which takes us to another level in terms of athletic facilities," noted Scott Wade, vice president of University Advancement and executive director of the CWU Foundation.



Rendering of the new 400-meter, all-weather track and field facility.

Campus Recreation Expansion

Also part of phase I, includes a new 400-meter all-weather track with an artificial turf infield that meets all NCAA specifications for running and jumping events and accommodates a wide variety of intramural and club sports.

The \$8 million recreation expansion features a new throws venue that meets NCAA competition specifications to accommodate hammer, shot put, javelin, and discus events. The project also includes outdoor lighting so that events can be held at night.

"I think the expansion is pretty great," said Tristine Vandeman, a senior broadcast and digital journalism major who frequently uses campus recreation facilities. "I like running outside in the open air so the new track is something that appeals to me. I also like the fact we'll be able to use these facilities after dark because of the new lights."

Jenna Hyatt, associate dean of Student Living, noted, "Our goal was to not only provide a NCAA-caliber facility for track and field athletes but to expand the facilities available for our intramural and club sports."

"As our campus grew in recent years, we reached a point where we could no longer accommodate all of the recreational needs of our students," she continued. "The Campus Recreation Expansion allows us to keep pace with what our students expect as part of their college experience."

The Campus Recreation Expansion was funded using recreation fee reserves. The project was unanimously supported in September 2017 by the Student Recreation Advisory Board.



Your support is needed to complete the Wildcat Commons development. To make a donation to Wildcat Commons, please go to the University Advancement website:

cwu.edu/wildcat-commons

Dugmore Hall and New Dining Options

In addition to the two Wildcat Commons Phase I projects, the North Campus Expansion will also include the new \$40 million Dugmore Hall, a 402-bed student residence building. The four-story structure is being built at the corner of East Dean Nicholson Avenue and Wildcat Way. The 105,000 gross-square-foot residence hall will include double rooms, and a limited number of single rooms.

Dugmore is named to honor Owen Dugmore, a longtime CWU psychology professor and counselor, who died January 17, 2018. Several years ago, Dugmore designated CWU the sole beneficiary of his estate. His donation of nearly \$1.2 million is the largest gift in recent university history. The funds will provide financial support for scholarship endowments in the Departments of Music and Psychology as well as funding for the campus counseling center.

"Professor Dugmore was a generous supporter of Central Washington University throughout his life," noted President James L. Gaudino. "He greatly cared about his students and believed he could learn as much from them as they could from him. It's only appropriate that we name our newest residence hall for students in honor of a man who gave so much of his time and energy to Central students."

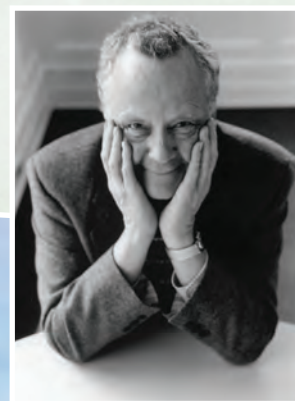
Dugmore Hall, scheduled to be completed in fall 2019, will help CWU address the increased demand for student housing resulting from the university's unprecedented first-year enrollment growth in recent years. Primarily housing first-year students, the new building will alleviate a community-wide housing crunch and help the university meet the demand for new student housing.

The North Campus Expansion also includes a new dining facility, adjacent to the new residence hall, with a C-store (convenience store) and a branded food concept micro-restaurant.

Both the residence hall and dining facility were funded using CWU Housing and Auxiliaries reserves and a bond sale set aside specifically for this purpose. Neither of the projects uses state funds or tuition dollars.

A live web camera showing the Dugmore Hall construction can be viewed at: cwu.edu/north-campus then click **Live Web Camera**.

Owen Dugmore



Left and above: Renderings depicting two views of Dugmore Hall.

Center: Trevor King, CWU construction management senior and Lydig project engineer provides Wellington with a project update.

Samuelson Reborn

By Valerie Chapman-Stockwell



Historic photo of Samuelson Hall circa 1940. Samuelson was named after Emil Samuelson, who was dean of students for 32 years.

Natural light pouring in on every floor. State-of-the-art, high-tech infrastructure. An integrated computer-technology center.

The \$64.5 million Samuelson Hall is open for business.

Vacated since 2006, the old Samuelson Union Building was a patchwork of remodeling and additions that were constructed between 1928 and 1967.

"It was like an archaeological dig, stripping away the various 'strata' of old Samuelson," said Doug Ryder, University Facilities planning officer and Samuelson project director. "It was like seeing a history of construction methods and materials throughout the past 80 years."

In 1926, when CWU's student body numbered in the hundreds, the College Union Building provided a central place for students to gather and socialize. The \$42,000 structure housed a gymnasium, and served as the home of student government.

Later the gym was converted to a ballroom, where students danced to swing bands in the '50s, and rocked out to pop bands in the '60s. From 1967 to 2006, it housed



The new Samuelson Hall will officially open on October 19 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by a reception.

student clubs, the Student Union and Recreation Center and later, the college bookstore.

It was shuttered for more than a decade and used for storage.

With funding from the 2015 state legislature, demolition of the old Samuelson began in May 2016. The 57,750 square-foot south wing was demolished and replaced, while the 49,250-foot north wing underwent a major reconstruction.

The new building was constructed with the highest standards of energy efficiency according to LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, the most widely used green building rating system in the world. Washington state requires public buildings to meet a minimum silver LEED certification; CWU is hoping that Samuelson will achieve LEED gold.

"The building is very energy efficient with the use of LED lights, automatic lighting controls, and heat recovery systems," Ryder commented. "The interior materials and finishes were selected to be durable and environmental-

ly friendly, such as bamboo flooring, low VOC (volatile organic compounds) paint, and polished concrete floors.

Samuelson is now an integrated computer science technology center that houses the departments of Computer Science, Mathematics, Sociology, and Information Technology and Administrative Management.

The new structure also contains the office of Multimodal Learning, which is integral to CWU's digital class offerings and other distance education options, and the campus data center.

Samuelson east entrance



Mammoth

As with all new buildings, Samuelson received artwork funded through the Art in Public Places (AIPP) program. The program allocates one-half of one-percent of the total project funding for art to be installed on the site of a publicly funded structure.

Sculptor Ilan Averbuch created a massive work that frames the eastern entrance of Samuelson. "Mammoth" is a large-scale installation of a woolly mammoth tusk, one that appears to go under the walkway, and emerges on the other side. The artist was inspired by the discovery of mammoth bones on private land in the Wenas Creek Valley near Selah, Washington. From 2005 to 2010, CWU faculty and students conducted field schools on the site, extracting additional mammoth bones as well as those of a prehistoric bison. A website, cwu.edu/mammoth/, describes the Wenas Creek Mammoth Project.

According to Averbuch, the sculpture "creates a visual metaphor for the scientific advancements made from that discovery . . . It evokes a spiritual and intellectual search into the past to understand who we are and our place in the universe." The artwork was installed in July.

Averbuch is a sculptor who grew up in Israel, and attended university in England and the United States. His artworks are mainly large-scale outdoor sculptures, made from raw materials such as stone and wood, as well as metals and glass. In his own words, his art "involves the recycling of images and materials, moving from one time span to another."





From Theory to Practice:

Professor's Research Benefits Military Veterans, College Students

By Robert Lowery

The old adage is that people learn from their mistakes.

"Not if they're not resilient," observed James Avey, College of Business management professor. In fact, determining how and why some people counter adversity successfully, while others concede to it, has been Avey's research focus for more than a decade.

"For years, it was thought that you could not develop resilience, either you were born with it or not," Avey said.

That unfounded hypothesis led to Avey's work with thousands of study participants to determine what types of affective and cognitive processes are used by those exhibiting resilience and whether they could be taught to—and learned by—other individuals.

Dictionary.com:

RESILIENCE

[ri-zil-yuh ns, -zil-ee-uh ns]

noun

ability to recover readily from illness, depression, adversity, or the like; buoyancy.

“As the grandson of a survivor of Pearl Harbor, it is very meaningful to me to help serve a group of people who serve us all,” Avey said.

Avey’s research began with the United States Army in 2005, as a way to assess whether former service members and service-women could develop increased resilience in battling the debilitating effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

“In theory, I knew that resilience should help PTSD,” Avey said. His research found, undeniably, that everyone is “born with a certain amount of resilience potential and the ability to change it. How much it’s developed depends on a number of things including how much work you put into it.”

Some four-years ago, Potentia Labs, based in San Diego, California, approached Avey with an idea to develop a product based on his research. Intrigued, Avey wrote three courses for the company’s e-learning platform.

“They allowed me to do testing, retesting, and validate the science to make sure that it works,” Avey said. Supported with \$967,000 in funding through the VA Center for Innovation, the company unveiled the Potentia cloud-based, computer-training program, including Avey’s research, in July 2017.

THE WARRIOR MINDSET

Dustin Milner and Army veteran Eric Lenhardt founded Potentia Labs in 2014 to develop interactive e-learning platforms pertaining to emotional wellness skills, and to expand mental health care options for veterans. While most mental health services focus just on alleviating negative symptoms, Potentia uses positive psychology to enhance traits, such as self-confidence.

“Most of the available options were aimed at addressing what’s wrong in veterans’ lives,” CEO Milner noted. “Our approach is more in line with the ‘warrior’ mindset: building on veterans’ existing strengths to help them become the best version of themselves.”

According to Avey, Potentia combines the best science with the most adaptive developmental technology available. It works so well, in fact, that it spawned an 18-month trial, now underway, through the VA San Diego Healthcare System. It involves 250 former service members to determine whether the training will be accepted and used by their peers.

“Those participating will not be forced to use it but it will be made available to them,” Avey explained. “There are three metrics that matter. First, will veterans voluntarily use it and then reuse it and at what rate? Second, to track how it affects and betters their psychological well-being. And, third, to determine whether it leads to an increase in veterans’ use of additional treatment measures.”



Avey was also interviewed by the Wall Street Journal for an article, titled, "Why Resilience Is Good for Your Health and Career."

PTSD STATISTICS DISTURBING

Since the Gulf War began in 1990, as many as one in five former servicemen and servicewomen have experienced PTSD to some degree, according to VA statistics. That number, however, is difficult to validate for a variety of reasons, including the multiplicity of symptoms, from chronic pain to being easily startled to irritability, such as avoiding people, places, and things.

Typically triggered after experiencing a terrifying and potentially life-threatening event, the first PTSD diagnoses were made in the 1980s, pertaining to Vietnam War-era veterans. Many of those diagnosed then are still suffering some impairment, decades after their combat service ended.

Their younger comrades from this newer generation of veterans are found to be even more reticent to seek help, particularly at a specific VA medical facility, and studies suggest that, of those who do, a significant number fail to return after their first appointment. Through its online platform and companion mobile app, Potentia can reach veterans anonymously wherever they are.

"This looks promising, especially considering the significant challenges that the VA is having on getting any movement pertaining to PTSD treatment," Avey noted. "We're confident that it works. We just need to find out if it will work on veterans who often don't want to seek help."

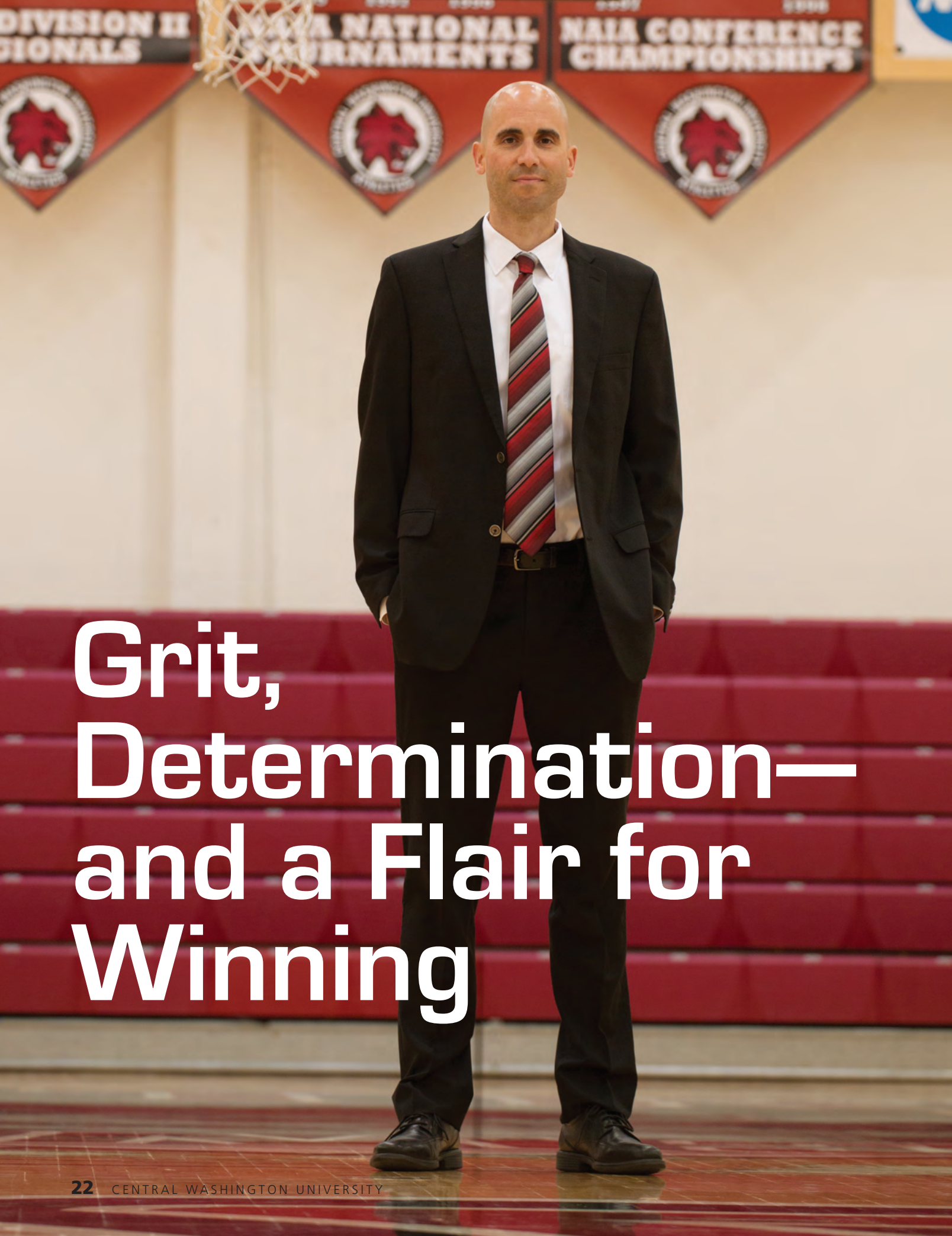
Avey's research, and the resilience training developed from it, may also soon pay dividends for some of his CWU students—and their peers at schools around the world. In conjunction with a course involving a competitive business simulation he taught last year, Avey analyzed the extent to which resilient students adjust to and recover from inevitable classroom failure.

BENEFITING STUDENTS

"I suspect, and the data seems to be moving this way, that those high in resilience recover from setbacks faster and more comprehensively because they know how to 'win' and to do well," Avey said. "It's not to the level of PTSD but, to me, this does matter, as it pertains to a larger segment of the population. It could help students—particularly first-generation college students—avoid dropping out, carry on, and complete their college degrees."

He is now compiling and analyzing this new data, with preliminary results and findings expected by the end of this year.

"Academics produce research, mainly, to contribute to the body of knowledge," Avey argued. "Practitioners then take that knowledge and apply it. I'm gratified that my work is helping to bridge that line of separation and may help change lives. This is where we make an impact with the research we do."



Grit, Determination— and a Flair for Winning

Meet CWU's New Head Hoops Coach: Brandon Rinta

By Ben Wheeler

You can get an idea of the type of person Brandon Rinta is by simply looking at his office. It is decorated in a sleek, modern style, with a flat-screen TV on one wall, and comfortable desks with newer computers neatly aligned in the corners of the room.

But under the tidy surface, the office is the nerve center for an operation filled with late nights and early mornings of recruiting and game planning.

The same might also be said of the coach, as he sits down to talk at the conference table stationed in the middle of the room. He seems relaxed, but it's an illusion. The intensity and determination that fueled his journey to CWU as a player and later as a head coach can be seen in the way he maintains eye contact and in his thorough answers to even the simplest queries.

"Going through hard times—that's where growth happens," Rinta explained. "I know that I can look back on some of the hardest times that I've been through, that's where the most growth has come."

The 41-year-old Rinta, who is six-foot, three-inches, played basketball at CWU from 1998 to 2001. However, he proved his dedication—as well as his grit and determination—after suffering an elbow injury that seriously affected his ability to shoot the ball with his right hand—his shooting hand.

"I had a decision to make. I either ended my career or I switch hands and try to do the best I can," he said. "It wasn't an easy decision but I wasn't going to give up on the game of basketball and so I gave it my best shot and spent as much time as possible developing my off hand."

Prior to arriving at Central, Rinta played basketball at Yakima Valley College, where he was co-coached by Leon Rice (now head coach at Boise State) and the legendary Dean Nicholson, who coached at CWU for more than 26 years, winning 609 games.

While at YVC, Rinta earned first-team all-NWAACC honors while averaging 13.3 points and 7.2 rebounds per game during his sophomore year.

Rinta redshirted his first season at Central, which allowed him to continue to work on developing his left-hand game.

"I sat three feet in front of the rim for hours and hours and hours and hours. I would shoot three-pointers and free throws with my left hand," Rinta recalled, adding with a laugh that he doesn't think too many people have taken as many shots as he has in the CWU gym.

After graduating from Central with a degree in health fitness education, Rinta decided to go into coaching—and he's never looked back. He became a graduate assistant and later

a full-time assistant coach at Eastern Washington University, then worked for five years as associate head coach under Tim Hills at Northwest Nazarene University. In 2011, he was named head coach at Lewis-Clark State College, where he posted a 164-62 record. His teams won multiple conference titles and reached the NAIA national tournament five times.

"I think he's got a great work ethic," CWU Director of Athletics Dennis Francois noted. "He's hungry, he's passionate about the sport."

"We feel we landed on a coach that's going to really make a big difference in our program and have a positive impact on our department as well," he said. "That's his style, 'Let's go, go, go.'"

And now Rinta is right back where he started and where he wants to be.

"To be a part of that tradition, that legacy, it's something that I take pride in," Rinta said. "It's exciting to me to be able to be back at Central and be a part of this program again. Just like when I was a player, I felt it was a responsibility of mine to help continue that legacy. I feel that as a coach, too, and that would be one of my main goals."

Now that he is back at CWU, Rinta said he wants to utilize the same experiences and lessons that he has learned from his various mentors to help craft his vision for the men's basketball program.

"I never would have guessed how much of an impact choosing to go to YVC and playing for Coach Rice and Coach Nicholson would have had on my life," he continued. "His [Nicholson's] coaching tree is vast in the state of Washington and in the Pacific Northwest and the people that he mentored also mentored me."

Rinta looks to his time at Lewis-Clark, where he was able to build a successful, winning program, as a blueprint for what he hopes to achieve at Central.

When he became the head coach at Lewis-Clark State, he said his main goal was to "try and create an atmosphere where I could give the student athletes that come through our program the type of experience that I had. I had such a positive experience here at Central Washington and there's a lot that goes into that."

Patience, dedication, respect for traditions, and a willingness to work hard. They are all part of the drive—that need to always improve—that is simply part of Rinta's DNA.

"I've been through these transitions before and there's always been a little bit of an adjustment period," Rinta said. "What's new to me this time is how comfortable I feel here on campus, in the gym. It really does."

"It feels like I've come back home."



There's a new way to connect to the popular geology television program, *Nick on the Rocks*, hosted by Nick Zentner, Science Outreach and Education Coordinator for the Department of Geological Sciences.

Fans of the program, which is produced by CWU and broadcast on Seattle's KCTS 9 and other public television stations, can view all of the episodes on a new website, cwu.edu/nick.

Additionally, the site includes a calendar of upcoming appearances and field trips by Zentner, who is a popular lecturer in the Pacific Northwest, as well as links to the program's social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

"Over the years we've been inundated by requests for a website that puts all the *Nick on the Rocks* episodes, Nick's schedule of future presentations, and how to financially support the program in one location," noted Linda Schactler, executive producer

of the program. "The page also includes our first-ever *Nick on the Rocks* gift shop where viewers will find branded apparel."

Nick on the Rocks began broadcasting to KCTS 9's 2.5 million viewers in 2017. The program kicks off its third season next January.

In each episode of the show, Zentner, who over the years has built a community of viewers with a love for rocks and earth sciences, describes the natural history and development of a geological landmark in the state of Washington. Past programs have spotlighted the Seattle Fault, Dry Falls, Bridge of the Gods, and giant lava flows.

"Washington boasts exceptional geology," Zentner explained. "Sometimes I feel like the programs write themselves because there are so many fascinating places that we can explore on the show."

Zentner, who earned his BS in geology at the University of Wis-

consin-Madison and MS in geology at Idaho State University, noted that he came to Washington "on purpose" because of its special geological features.

He said when he first arrived he was familiar with Mount St. Helens and the giant lava flows of eastern Washington, but quickly learned there were dozens and dozens of other fascinating geological sites throughout the state.

"It really is a Disneyland for geologists here," he said.

Zentner said future programs will spotlight a few more of the interesting places he's explored including Ice Age Lake Lewis, the Loess Hills of the Palouse, Deception Pass, and Steamboat Rock and the Grand Coulee.

Zentner has taught at Central since 1992 and is a past recipient of the prestigious John Shea Award, a national honor that recognizes exceptional delivery of Earth Science to the general public.

NICK ON THE WEB

By
Richard
Moreno

The CWU-produced *Nick on the Rocks* television feature strives to not only raise interest in STEM education, but bring out interest in audiences unaware of the geologic wonders around them. Donations assist in the growth and awareness of the earth sciences everywhere, and give viewers a fun and interesting take on exploring the geologic wonders of the earth. To support the program, go to cwu.edu/nick and click on the GIVE button.





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Dan Nicklaus '97
CWU Alumni Association
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2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards

Each year, Central Washington University honors individuals for their contributions to advancing the mission of the university at the Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet. In 2017, CWU recognized Frank Galvador, Terry Robling, Kathy Cahill, and Andrea Klouse for their outstanding personal and professional achievements.



Frank Galvador



Terry Robling



Kathy Cahill



Andrea Klouse

- A graduate of the College of the Sciences, Galvador served three tours of duty in Vietnam and was honored for his humanitarian work. He formed the Tacoma Human Rights Council with a mission to eliminate discrimination in the United States.

- A graduate of the College of Business, Robling retired from the US Marine Corps after 38 years and was recognized for his distinguished military service. He now works as the chief executive officer at PKL Services INC., a global aerospace company.

- A graduate of the College of Education and Professional Studies, Cahill currently serves as vice president for PATH's International Development division. She has more than 20 years of experience in the public health field and was selected as a distinguished alumna for her leadership involving global health initiatives and providing critical health services in developing countries.

- A graduate of the College of Arts and Humanities, Klouse earned national acclaim for her work as a composer, conductor, and accompanist. She founded "Vivace!," a choral program for students eight years and older, and was inducted into the prestigious Washington Music Educators Hall of Fame in 2012.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be held on April 19, 2019. Nominate an outstanding member of your Wildcat community this October for the spring 2019 awards.

Link to story:

cwu.edu/cwu-announces-2017-distinguished-alumni

Giving Day All Star: Jada Rupley

CWU alumna Jada Rupley began her collegiate career in 1973, when she earned a bachelor's of education in psychology. She returned to receive her psychologist certification in 1979. She was recognized with the 2015 Distinguished Alumni CEPS award for her demonstrated leadership and passion for education. Prior to her current role as superintendent with the Clackamas Education Service District, Rupley served as learning system director for the State of Oregon, where she worked closely with Oregon's legislative leadership to create Early Learning Hubs.



Jada Rupley

During this year's annual Giving Day campaign, Rupley donated \$25,000 to CWU's Online Alternative Pathways to Teaching Program to support individuals learning to teach high-need subjects in rural districts across Washington State.

Link to story: cwu.edu/foundation/news

Wildcat Family: The LaRivieres

Georgianna and Charles LaRiviere always hoped their children would obtain a quality education. Decades later, Mike, Tom, Sally, Nancy, Don, David, and Randy LaRiviere fulfilled their parents' wishes by earning degrees from Central Washington University.



David LaRiviere

All seven LaRiviere siblings received degrees from CWU, in areas including education and administrative management. In 2004, the LaRiviere children established The Charles and Georgianna LaRiviere Endowed Scholarship to honor their parents and give back to undergraduate students.

Today, their ties with CWU remain strong, with son, David '83, serving on the CWU Alumni Association Board. He was recognized by the College of Business as Mentor of the Year for 2017-2018.

Link: cwu.edu/alumni/lariviere-wildcat-family

In Memoriam



Owen Dugmore

Owen Dugmore, who served as a psychology professor and counselor at CWU for more than 45 years, died January 17, 2018, in Ellensburg. Born in a small town in southern Utah on February 23, 1931, he earned his PhD in educational psychology from the University of Utah with a concentration in counseling.

Dugmore, who was a passionate music aficionado, chose to teach at CWU because he liked the small town feel of Ellensburg. He said after being at the university for five or six years, he realized he probably would never find a place where he would enjoy the community and the students as much and decided to stay.

As an instructor teaching classes in relationships and personal development, to his work as a counselor, Dugmore always kept current on the pressures and struggles students encountered, and sought to help them overcome those challenges.

Dugmore made CWU the sole beneficiary of his estate, creating scholarship endowments in the Departments of Music and Psychology and funding for the university counseling center. Upon his passing, CWU received his gift of \$1.2 million, the largest gift in recent university history.

In November 2017, the CWU Board of Trustees bestowed on him professor emeritus status for his service to the university. Additionally, in May, trustees voted to name the school's newest residence hall in his honor.



Verna Duncan

Longtime CWU supporter Verna Duncan, who, along with her husband, Donald, established the Don & Verna Duncan Community Service Scholarship, died on May 15, 2018. Duncan earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at CWU in music education and taught elementary school for 23 years. In 1988, she was selected Co-Elementary Teacher of the Year for Central School District 13J.

Duncan was born on August 27, 1931, in Spokane. She grew up in the Prosser and Yakima areas and graduated from Yakima High School in 1949. Duncan was a talented flutist and played in the All Northwest Band (1947) and All Northwest Orchestra (1949). After retiring from teaching, she pursued her passion of music, becoming the principal flutist for the Salem Pops Orchestra.

In 2007, in recognition of the Duncans' philanthropic efforts, CWU's Center for Civic Engagement was named in their honor. They were also recognized with the 2016 Legacy Award for their unwavering contributions to the community and commitment to advancement at CWU.

Visit cwu.edu/alumni/memorial to view other alumni and friends who have passed.

Ruth Harrington received the prestigious Legacy Award at the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards on October 6, 2017; shown here with original members of the pie, luncheon, and dinner groups.



Winners of the 4 Under 40 Award at the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards banquet.



CWU interim Dean of Student Success, Bill Schafer, Senior Director of Alumni and Constituent Relations, Bob Ford, and President James L. Gaudino, bury the 25-year time capsule on May 24, 2018.



Wildcat Pride!



CWU alumnae, Claire Cox and Ashley Gillum, and creative writing graduate student, Kacie Little, with CWU mascot Wellington during the CWU Mariners Day on May 18, 2018.

Class Ring and Traditions Keeper medallion recipients pose for a photo at the 2018 Ring and Medallion Ceremony.



Wellington was on hand to hype the 25-year time capsule before a men's basketball game.

The Honor Roll: Donors Making A Difference

Central Washington University depends on donor support to fulfill its educational mission. The CWU Foundation, which exists to build community, connection, and capacity around this mission, recorded its best fundraising year in recent history, raising over \$8 million in fiscal year 2018. This achievement was made possible by the generosity of friends, alumni, foundations, and corporations who made the choice to invest in CWU students, faculty, and programs.

Today, we celebrate and highlight a few of those donors.

The Boeing Company



The Boeing Company donated \$1 million to commemorate the career of CWU alumnus, Ray Conner, retired president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes and former vice chairman of The Boeing Company.

The donation is one of the largest outright gifts ever received by the CWU Foundation.

Lydig Construction



Lydig Construction donated \$250,000 to CWU for the naming rights to the planetarium in the new Science II building and to increase funding for the Lydig Endowment. The endowment supports students

in CWU's Construction Management and Safety and Health Management Programs.

Jean and Joe Adams



CWU alumna Jean Adams, and her husband Joe, contributed \$350,000 to the Wildcat Commons project. Jean is the newly elected president of the Wildcat Club Board and Joe currently serves on the CWU Founda-

tion Board. The Wildcat Commons project will address the university's growing recreational needs and greatly enhance the student-athlete and Wildcat fan experience.

Harold Anderson

Harold E. Anderson, who passed away earlier this year, donated more than \$800,000 to the CWU Foundation to create the Henrietta Anderson Endowment Fund, in honor of his beloved wife. The Henrietta Anderson Endowment will support teacher preparation activities at CWU, specifically

supporting Central's Teach STEM program. Henrietta was a CWU alumna, who devoted her life to teaching and helping students.

W.M. Keck Foundation



The W.M. Keck Foundation gave a \$275,000 grant to the CWU Foundation to develop new multidisciplinary curriculum in the areas of water, soil, and snow, also known as the WASSER Project.

Russell and Svanhild Castner



Dr. Russell and Svanhild Castner committed \$250,000 for scholarship opportunities for CWU students in memory of their daughter, Amy Castner. Amy was pursuing a degree in law and justice from CWU and

frequently volunteered for the American Medical Response and Northwest Hospital Emergency Room.

Ben and Nancy Remak



CWU alumnus, Ben Remak, and his wife, Nancy, committed \$250,000 to establish the Freedman-Remak Student-Athlete Academic Success Center which will take up residence in the Brooks Library this coming

fall. Ben, who received a bachelor of arts in law and justice in 1979, is a current member of the Law and Justice Advisory Board. He and Nancy are lifetime CWU Alumni Association members and also financially support other scholarships, program support funds, and awards in athletics, history, and law and justice.

Dick and Marlys Bedlington



CWU alumnus Dick Bedlington and his wife Marlys contributed \$250,000 to name the new track and field throws venue as a part of the Wildcat Commons project. Bedlington received his bachelor's of education in

physical education in 1971. While at Central, he participated in track and field for four years, and was a two-time All-American.

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Donor support is what keeps many students in school, and makes many programs possible at CWU. From providing scholarships through the Students First Fund, to funding endeavors like our new Wildcat Commons project, donor backing never goes unseen.

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Zoe Whittaker Jameson ('19)


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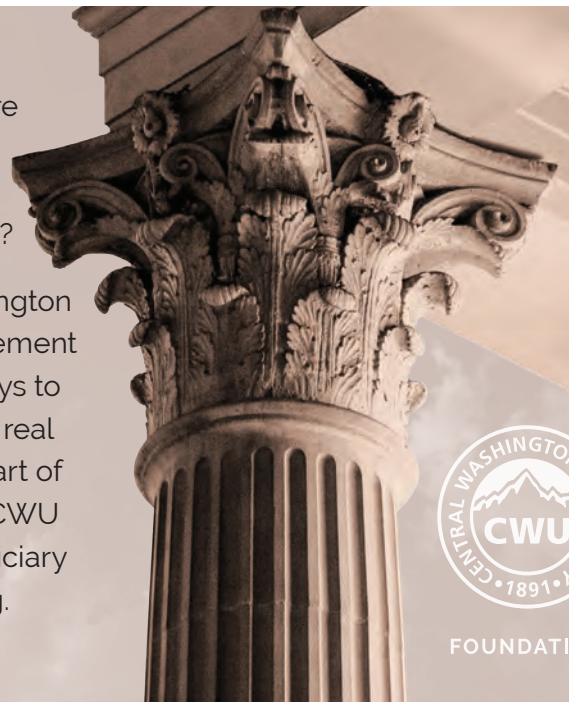
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FOUNDATION





Rich Villacres

Building roofs, lava tubes, helicopters, locations statewide, and even in studio—those have all been work locales—some precarious—for CWU’s award-winning campus photographer Rich Villacres. He left the post in August, after 16 years, to dedicate himself to providing free family portraits to people living in marginalized communities around the world. Information about his “gift of love, respect and legacy” can be found at jackdaw.

love/. His CWU legacy is a remarkable collection of thousands of images of people, places and things that will prove invaluable to the history of CWU in perpetuity. Which are his best? Villacres suggested these.



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HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 8-13 2018

EVENTS INCLUDE:

MONDAY:

Door Decoration Contest
CWU LatinX Welcome

TUESDAY:

Central's Talent Showcase

WEDNESDAY:

Wellington's Wildfire

THURSDAY:

Rec Expansion Celebration

FRIDAY:

Comedian Cristela Alonzo
Alumni Afterhours at the Elks

SATURDAY:

Women's Soccer vs. Western Washington University
Football vs. Western Oregon University
Wildcat 5K Run

Additional details at:

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